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To: Westfield Board of Works

From: Melody Jones

CC: Todd Burtron

Date: November 15, 2012

RE: Park Improvements as of November 2012

Dear Board Members:

Things are winding down regarding construction projects for the Parks Department but planning is kicking into full swing.

We received notification that we have been awarded a \$75,000 Safe Routes to School Grant by INDOT. These funds will be used to write and implement a plan for children walking and biking to Oak Trace Elementary School.

Working with the Hamilton County Master Gardeners two new trees were planted at City Hall.

On today's agenda we are requesting to retire two trucks from the City's fleet.

PARKS

ASA BALES

The maintenance crew has begun the retailing wall in Asa Bales Park. Estimated completion date is November 30th.

GRAND JUNCTION PLAZA

Two additional properties have been acquired this month. We will start the demolition of 135 Park Street and 123/125 Jersey Street in the next 30 days.

OLD FRIENDS

Becker Landscaping has replaced the two Lilac Trees that had died in the park.

QUAKER

Heaters have been installed in the restrooms at Quaker Park. This will provide for year round use for trail users and park visitors.

Simon Moon

Additional trees have been planted this month on "The Hill" in the park to replace many of the trees that died this summer.

Snow fence will be installed in two weeks to prepare for our sledding season.

TRAILS

Monon Trail

Construction of the Monon Trail pedestrian bridge over 146th Street is on schedule. Completion is estimated by the end of November.

Midland Trace Trail

With the property deed from Kroger coming we are planning on finishing the section of trail from Carey east to Gunther. A contract approval is part of this month's agenda.

Special Events or Programs

Westfield in Bloom (WIB) will be sponsoring the Downtown Business Holiday Lighting Competition again this year in connection with Westfield in Lights (WIL). The competition will kick off at WIL and run through December 20th. This year's winner will be announced on the 21st.

The last Seeds of Knowledge workshop was held on November 14th at the City Service Center. The Mathematics of Gardening is the topic for the discussion. We had a great turn out.

Our last event of the year will be Race to the New Year. This is the 8th year we partnered with the Hamilton County Parks Department and the Washington Township Parks Department. Special thanks to Westfield Police and Fire Departments for their continued support of this event.

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The Parks and Recreation Department will start training with the ActiveNetwork team in January. We hope to go live with the programing and scheduling system in March.

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